

*Proclamation
Presented*

**In Recognition of
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis /
Lou Gehrig's Disease Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal, neurodegenerative disease for which there is no cure, no means of prevention or no known cause; and as ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking and breathing, and eventually muscle atrophy, rendering the patient a functional quadriplegic; and

WHEREAS, ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries; is a crippling disease that can strike anyone at any time; and carries an average life-expectancy of two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, ALS has been shown by research to affect military veterans approximately twice as frequently as other segments of the population; approximately 5,600 people in the United States are diagnosed with ALS each year, the incidence of ALS is two per 100,000 people, and an estimated 30,000 Americans may have the disease at any given time; and


WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the devastating impact of the disease, not only on the patients but on family members and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May, 2013, as

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the efforts being made in the fight against ALS through research, advocacy, patient and community services, public education and awareness

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-six day of April, 2013.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i